Scheme which was in operation since 1971 was discontinued w. e. f. 30-9-88. As development of infrastructure in the backward areas is considered to be a better alternative than a one-time subsidy, Government is operating a growth Centre Scheme under which it is proposed to develop 70 growth centres throughout the country during the VIII Five Year Plan period. The selected centres would be provided with all basic infrastructural facilities

Cycle Corporation of India

4291. PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have been urged to prevent closure of the Cycle Corporation of India and to allow it to function with proper support of Government for some time;

(b) whether Government attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Economic Times, New Delhi dated the 9th August, 1993 under the caption "Cycle Corporation employees face a catch 22 situation";

(c) whether Government would adopt some concrete measures to help the revival; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a), (c) and (d) Cycle Corporation of India Limited (CCIL) is one of the PSUs which have been referred to BIFR under Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act, 1985 as amended in 1991. While some of the employees' Unions of CCIL have been requesting the Govt. for revival of the Company, the BIFR in its last hearing held on 23-7-93 have formed a prima facie opinion that the Company was not viable on long-term basis and have accordingly issued a show-cause notice for winding it up. The notice is under consideration of the Government.

(b) Yes, Sir.

Foreign Visit by a BHEL General Manager

4292. SHRI KAILASH NARAIN SARANG: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the then General Manager (Incharge) of Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited, Bhopal had visited one or more foreign countries alongwith his wife during the month of September, 1991; and

(b) if so, how much expenses were incurred on the foreign visit of his wife?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) BHEL did not incur any expenditure on the foreign visit of the wife of the General Manager.

Allotment of Shares of Companies

4293. SHRI PASUMPON THA. KIRUTTINAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have collected information with regard to the allotment of shares of varios companies out of the promoters quota to the officers in the Ministries of Industry, Commerce, Finance and Law (Company Affairs) and their family members during the last three years;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) whether the officers concerned had informed their respective departments in terms of the conduct rules and instructions issued by Government from time to time in this regard; and

(d) whether any violation of the rules have come to Government notice, if so, the action taken in each case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) to (d) As per Rule 16 (2) of Central Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964, "no Government Servant shall make, or permit any member of his family or any person acting on his behalf to make any investment which is likely to embarrass or influence him in the discharge of his official duties". As far as the Department of Company Affairs is concerned as per available information, wife of one of the officers of Central Company Law Service has acquired shares of Fair Growth Financial Services Limited worth Rs. 5,000/-. The concerned officer has